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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

II. Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for calculating a measure associated with a computer readable medium, said method comprising:

receiving a request to calculate a measure, said measure associated with one or more requested dimension levels;

determining at least one allocated dimension level for the measure, the allocated dimension level being undefined at a lowest dimension level;

selecting a first star from a first stargroup associated with the measure, wherein the first star supports the at least one ~~[[allocation]]~~ allocated dimension level for the measure; and

selecting a second star from a second stargroup associated with a control measure, wherein the second star supports the one or more requested dimension levels.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein determining at least one allocated dimension level further comprises:

comparing the requested dimension levels to a lowest level star in the first stargroup; and

selecting for each requested dimension level, a minimum of the requested dimension level and a corresponding one of one or more dimension levels associated with the star.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

calculating the measure for the allocated dimension levels; and

calculating the control measure for the requested dimension levels.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein determining the allocated dimension levels further comprises:

determining the allocated dimension levels wherein no star exists which supports the measure at the requested dimension levels.

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Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the control measure is a predetermined measure associated with the measure.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A computer readable medium for storing a plurality of instructions for calculating a measure, said plurality of instructions comprising:

- receiving a request to calculate a measure, said measure associated with one or more requested dimension levels;
- determining at least one allocated dimension level for the measure, the allocated dimension level being undefined at a lowest dimension level;
- selecting a first star from a first stargroup associated with the measure, wherein the first star supports the at least one allocation dimension level for the measure; and
- selecting a second star from a second stargroup associated with a control measure, wherein the second star supports the one or more requested dimension levels.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The computer readable medium of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions comprising determining at least one allocated dimension level further comprises:

- comparing the requested dimension levels to a lowest level star in the first stargroup; and
- selecting for each requested dimension level, a minimum of the requested dimension level and a corresponding one of one or more dimension levels associated with the star.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The computer readable medium of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions further comprises:

- calculating the measure for the allocated dimension levels; and
- calculating the control measure for the requested dimension levels.

Claim 9 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 6, wherein the plurality of instructions comprising determining the allocated dimension levels further comprises:

- determining the allocated dimension levels wherein no star exists which supports the measure at the requested dimension levels.

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Claim 10 (Original): The computer readable medium of claim 6, wherein the control measure is a predetermined measure associated with the measure.